

### **Applicant Prepared EA Process and Blind Slough Project Schedule**

Petersburg has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by August, 2002. Study plans would be developed this summer, with National Environmental Policy Act scoping being conducted in the fall. Field-work would be conducted over two seasons, summer 2000 and 2001 (if needed), with a draft application and draft APEA to be issued for comment in the fall of 2001.

### **Comments**

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Petersburg's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project.

### **Filing Requirements**

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201).

For further information on this process, please contact Vince Yearick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail [vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us).

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP99-448-000]

#### **Southern Natural Gas Company; Petition for Waiver**

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 26, 1999, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing a petition for an interim waiver of Section 14.1(c)(1) of the General Terms and Conditions of its Tariff in order to waive cashout premiums incurred during June 1999. Additionally, Southern requests that the Commission permit Southern to continue to waive cashout premiums, to

the extent necessary, through the earlier of (1) December 31, 1999 or (2) the last day of the month in which Southern provides notice that the software problems causing the cashout issues are no longer an issue.

Southern states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of the shippers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 5, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-592-000]

#### **Southwest Gas Transmission Company, A Limited Partnership; Application**

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 22, 1999, Southwest Gas Transmission Company, A Limited Partnership (SGTC), P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510, filed, in Docket No. CP99-592-000, an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of facilities and services and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate facilities and to transport gas so as to enable SGTC to interconnect with Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may

be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, SGTC proposes to establish a new upstream pipeline interconnection with Transwestern in order to increase competitive options for upstream gas supplies and transportation in the Southern Nevada market.<sup>1</sup> In order to accomplish this, SGTC seeks to: (1) Construct and operate metering facilities to interconnect SGTC's system and Transwestern's, (2) construct and operate metering facilities at the existing interconnection between SGTC's system and the system of El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), (3) abandon transportation service for El Paso and the existing Fort Mohave Meter Station (located at the downstream terminus of SGTC's system) that was used to measure volumes delivered by El Paso, (4) assign El Paso's transportation service rights on SGTC to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), (5) transport gas Southwest under Section 7(c), and (6) any necessary waivers of the Commission's regulations. In essence, these authorizations would change the shipper on SGTC's system from the upstream supplier (El Paso) to the downstream distributor (Southwest). According to SGTC, the reassignment of capacity rights from El Paso to Southwest would continue to permit transportation on SGTC's system for shippers with transportation rights on the upstream pipelines.

The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$1,376,000. The cost to abandon the existing meter facility is estimated to be \$23,000. SGTC states that it will receive a contribution from Transwestern in aid of construction of the proposed facilities and will finance the remainder of the costs through financing programs and internally generated funds.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Edward C. McMurtrie at (702) 876-7109, Southwest Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 19, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the

<sup>1</sup> SGTC's entire system is located in Mohave County, Arizona.